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DIVISION OF CORRECTION TO HOST MAJOR GANG CONFERENCE OCTOBER 4TH AND 5TH IN SYKESVILLE

Focus is to share information with other public safety agencies

TOWSON, MD (October 2, 2006) – The Maryland Division of Correction will host a major gang conference on October 4th and 5th at the Public Safety Education and Training Center in Sykesville. The two one-day summits will feature gang experts from the state prison system, the Maryland State Police, the Wicomico County State's Attorney's Office, the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, and other local and federal agencies.

The DOC gang summit comes just days after Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. announced a \$200,000 grant for the Maryland Alliance of Boys and Girls of America. That money will fund research-based and outcome-driven youth development programs at 13 Boys and Girls Clubs across Maryland. The grant is part of the Governor's larger comprehensive gang strategy focusing on prevention, intervention, and enforcement.

The conference will include a "flow chart" showing a suspected gang member's movement through the criminal justice system, and presentations by the Assistant State's Attorney from Wicomico County and a gang expert from Maryland State Police. Other key leaders also will speak, and the afternoon will include breakout sessions **for conference attendees only. Members of the media are welcome to attend all morning sessions until 11 a.m. An agenda is attached.**

WHAT: Gang Conference Hosted by the Maryland Division of Correction

WHEN: Wednesday, October 4 and Thursday, October 5, 2006

WHERE: Public Safety Education and Training Center
6852 4th Street
Sykesville, MD 21784
410-875-3400

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AGENDA
Division of Correction Gang Conference October 4th and 5th
Public Safety Education and Training Center
6852 4th St. in Sykesville, Md.
October 4 and 5 one-day seminars

8:30-8:45 a.m. Welcome –

Patrick Bradley
Executive Director, Maryland Police and Correctional
Training Commissions (PCTC)
(PCTC is responsible for initial and advanced training
for virtually all law enforcement and correctional officers in the
State of Maryland, and operates the Public Safety Education and
Training Center which is the site of this conference.)

8:45-9:15

General Session featuring guest speakers

- Acting Commissioner John A. Rowley, Maryland Division of Correction (DOC)
- Col. Tim Hutchins, Superintendent, Maryland State Police
- V. Glenn Fueston, Jr., Investigative Support Center Program manager for Federal High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Initiative
- Ed Parker and Greg Joy of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention

9:15-10:00

"Flow Chart" tracking a suspected gang member's movement through the criminal justice system

10:15-11:00

History of gangs, the "gang mentality," and the impact of violent crime on a local community: Honorable Dan Dougherty, Assistant State's Attorney for Wicomico County

The afternoon session includes seminars for participants only.

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